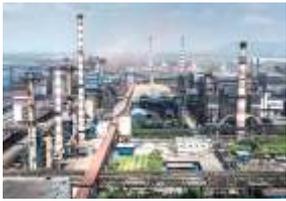




## JSP's Raigarh Plant Achieves Key Production Milestone



**J**indal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL) recently said the Steel Melting Shop

at its Raigarh facility produced a record 10,000 tonne of crude steel in a single day on June 13, 2015. This highest production based on DRI (Direct Reduced Iron) and hot metal marked a key milestone in the company's steelmaking operations.

JSPL recently overhauled and upgraded

the Raigarh steel facility which included modernisation of the two blast furnaces, Electric Arc Furnaces, plate mill and slab caster. Currently, Raigarh has a total steel capacity of 3.25 million tonne per annum (mtpa) and has the highest flexibility for raw materials. Recently, the Raigarh steel plant produced 10,002 tonnes of crude steel in a single day through 100 heats in the SMS. The crude steel thus yielded is used to produce finished and semi-finished steel products. The Raigarh plant is the world's largest coal-based sponge iron manufacturing facility and produces up to 2.45 mtpa of finished steel.

## Tomar Visits CMs of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

**S**hri Tomar met Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh, Shri N Chandrababu Naidu, at his office. Among other things, the meeting deliberated over proposed investment projects in the area of steel and mines, and the need to expedite auction of mines, and setting up of District Mineral Foundation in these states.

Shri Tomar said, "I have come to personally invite you to the proposed programme for dedication of modernized and expanded Vizag Steel Plant by Hon'ble Prime Minister in the month of July". He assured help in the area of detailed exploration by parastatal agencies, namely, GSI and MECL. Shri Tomar also proposed that the expertise of MSTC Limited, a PSU under the Ministry of Steel which conducted coal auctions, could also be harnessed for conducting mineral auctions in the states.

Shri Naidu proposed setting up of a joint task force of Ministry of Steel, its PSUs and Andhra Pradesh state government to assess the economic viability of setting up of steel plant. The CM requested for including APMDC in the list of exploration agencies, to which Shri Tomar assured positive action in 30 days.

"We want to use every mineral for value addition in the state and we seek support from Government of India in the form of knowledge resources and sharing of international best practices," the CM added. Shri Tomar apprised him about National Mineral Exploration Trust and assured all possible support in exploration.

Projects on the anvil in Andhra Pradesh, which were taken up for discussion, included setting up of an integrated steel plant in YSR

District, grant of clearance and approval to state-owned steel PSUs for expanding their marketing network and allied production facilities, and support required to establish bauxite mining and Alumina refinery in the state. The status of mineral concession proposals, and reservation of mines for end-user industry, were also taken up for discussion.

On the other hand, Tomar also called on the Chief Minister of Telangana Shri K Chandrashekar Rao at latter's office in Hyderabad. They discussed issues of mutual interest with special reference to steel and mines related issues in the state of Telangana.

Shri Tomar proposed that GSI and MECL, two government organizations under Ministry of Mines can assist the state in assessing its mineral resources for revenue generation. Similarly state can consider utilizing the services of MSTC, a PSU under Ministry of steel, for auctioning of mines for monetization of mineral resources. Chief Minister expressed gratitude towards Shri Tomar for quick action taken on the points discussed during their last meeting in Delhi in February this year.

During the meeting, the issues that came up for discussion included :

Present status of the proposal to set up a 3 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) integrated steel plant in Telangana. SAIL has prepared a feasibility report and carried out site inspection and market analysis for the same. Considering the proposal to give preferential treatment to Vizag Steel products for steel needed to ensure infrastructure and industrial development of the state.

## TJSV Steel Fabrication Plans to Double Turnover



**T**JSV Steel Fabrication and Galvanizing (India) Ltd aims to double its turnover to Rs. 100 crore by the end of this year. The five-year-old company, located at Gudimangalam near Udumalpet in Tirupur district, plans to usher in new products such as road guards and cable trays and tap the structural roofing market in a big way, its Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, J K Menon, said. Speaking on the sidelines of an event arranged to mark its fifth year of operation, he said that the company plans to raise Rs. 12 crore to take care of its growth plans. "We will be taking the equity route and not bank finance," TJSV Chief Executive Sreekumar said. Justifying the plan, he said that the company, promoted primarily by the NRIs in the Gulf, envisioned creating some income for them, back in India. "The investor base is 540 and we intend to seek their support. The initial investment in this project was Rs. 18 crore," he said. The capacity of the fabrication facility is 1,000 tonnes/month and that of the galvanizing – 2,100 tonnes/month. The company, which was hitherto doing sub-contracting works for the railways, would be contracting directly with the public sector undertaking soon, Menon said. It also plans to export bitumen tank for the first time this year and this is expected to happen within the next four weeks. On diversification plans, he said "We fabricate solar panel structures at present; would enter solar power generation provided, we get land in Tamil Nadu." On manpower Sreekumar said that, this has been the biggest challenge for the company. "We have about 500 people on our rolls. We will be adding 100 more within the next one month. We will induct people from fabrication units in the vicinity."